

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting
June 12, 2014
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session at City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, June 12, 2014 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

City Council members present: Eugene Jefferson; Jimmy Scott; Doug Gibson; David Powell; David Haley; and, Danny Laster.

Others present: Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Jeff Traughber, City Attorney; Terry Frogue, Utility/Street Superintendent; Deborah Osborne; Dana and Cheryl Young.

Mayor Camp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and reminded everyone only items on the agenda may be discussed.

Agenda

1. Moe and Johnson Lane Annexations
2. B White Road Annexation
3. State Highway North Main Project
 - 203/205 North Main Properties
 - City Option Improvement Project
4. Streets Avenue Sidewalk Projects
5. Committee for Appointing Police Chief

Terry Frogue and Jeff Traughber confirmed the Todd County Water District has agreed they would offer to the city the customers on Moe Lane and Johnson Lane if the customers were annexed. Mr. Frogue once again reviewed the reasons the city needs the water customers in order to keep the city's 10" water line and water tank in the area flushed. It may be possible to put other portions of the city on the water tank in the area, however a hydraulic study will need to be done by an engineer. Over 50% of the property owners in those areas have agreed to be annexed if the city will also extend sewer to the area. The cost to extend sewer will be approximately \$300,000 if the city requires the customers to purchase their own sewer pump. Frogue estimates the city could do the work for about \$200,000 or less if there is no rock, however if there is rock then the cost would go up to about \$300,000. Clerk Brock reviewed potential income from the annexation, including an estimated \$10,000 per year in tax revenue to the general fund, \$4,000 per year in sewer revenue one all are connected, and \$3,800 in water revenue per year. Also, discussed were potential ongoing expenses such as police patrol, street lighting, and more. The annexation of properties on B White Road is being held up so the annexations can all be done at the same time. However, there was considerable discussion that it may not be the right time to annex Moe and Johnson Lane and that the cost is too high. There was also considerable discussion that if a property is served by city sewer, they should also be able to be served city water. John Haley with the Todd County Water District is stating that they already have water to B White Road and they will not allow the city to serve water to the area on B White Road we intend to annex. Traughber stated that some of the TCWD Board members and their attorney have stated in the past that if a customer is being served city sewer that they should have the option to also be served by city water. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to authorize David Haley and Danny Laster to meet with TCWD board and their attorney to discuss the city serving water to any sewer customer in the future. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously. After more discussion regarding B White Road, Mr. Powell motioned to proceed with annexation of the David Watkins property on B. White Road. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Jeff Traughber and Clerk Brock reported the owner of 203 North Main is the Sallie Matthews Estate

with Marie Taylor the current contact. 205 North Main is estate of Fannie Kennedy and heirs of John Kennedy. Brock has a call into the engineering firm working on the North Main Project to see if they have additional information. Traugher is also in contact with a possible heir. It was also discussed that Elkton resident Mike Kennedy may be able to help with finding heirs. No action was taken.

Mayor Camp called for a decision from the council if they want to bury utility lines and install decorative lighting at an estimated cost of \$105,000 while the state is replacing the sidewalks during the North Main Project. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the city burying utility lines and installing decorative lighting on North Main Street from the Square to Jefferson Street. Motion seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported she contacted the state regarding a request from a property owner on S Streets Avenue that did not want to have any concrete placed on their driveway. The state initially stated that they did not think this would be possible because the sidewalks would not be ADA compliant, however they will get confirmation from the federal government. If the sidewalks are not ADA compliant, then the Board of Education would not be reimbursed for any of the project. Clerk Brock reminded the council the project is being administered by the Board, but the city has to accept the sidewalks for maintenance and any cost overruns or expenses are the city's responsibility. The city will make every effort to work with the property owners to make sure they have access to their property during construction. Jimmy Scott offered to go talk with the property owners.

Mayor Camp recommended a committee be appointed to review candidates for the Chief of Police position that will be vacant after June 19th upon the resignation of Chief Jerry Pepper. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to appoint Gibson, Jefferson and Laster to the committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

There were no further items on the agenda, therefore Mr. Laster motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Powell. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM.

Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer